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OBJECTIONS OVER KYOTO PROTOCOL
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether member countries have raised objection to New Delhi dropping all mention of the protocol from its proposed Ministerial declaration over the `Kyoto Protocol`;

(b) if so, the main objections raised by the member countries;

(c) whether this has been done under pressure from any countries; and

(d) if so, the facts thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a) to (d) The initial informal proposal by the President of the Conference of the Parties dated 28th October, 2002 referred to the need for full implementation of the Berlin Mandate.The Berlin Mandate initiated a process forthe strengthening of commitments of developed country Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change for the period beyond 2000 through adoption of a Protocol or other legal instrument which led to adoption of the Kyoto Protocol in 1997.Since the Berlin Mandate subsumes Kyoto Protocol, question of any pressure for not mentioning the Kyoto Protocol does not arise.Some Parties wanted specific mention of the Kyoto Protocol, which was included in the final declaration.The final declaration adopted by consensus by all Parties on 1st November 2002 strongly urges Parties that have not ratified the Kyoto Protocol to ratify the Kyoto Protocol in a timely manner.